

**Captain Cynthia M. Thebaud**  
**Commander Destroyer Squadron**  
**SIX ZERO**



Capt. Thebaud, graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1985 with a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry. She also holds a Master of Arts Degree in Security Policy Studies from The George Washington University, is an honors graduate of the Naval War College, and is Joint Specialty Officer (JSO) qualified.

Capt. Thebaud's sea tours have included duty in USS Decatur (DDG 73), USS Ticonderoga (CG 47), USS Hayler (DD 997), USS Platte (AO 186), USS Prairie (AD 15), and USS Norton Sound (AVM 1).

She commanded *Decatur* from August 2002 through March 2004. While in command, *Decatur* deployed to the Middle East as part of the Navy's inaugural Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG-1) in support of Operations

Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and earned the Battle E and various mission excellence awards.

Capt. Thebaud's shore tours include Chief, Southeast Asia Division in the Joint Staff, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J-5); Taiwan Desk Officer in the Joint Staff (J-5); Executive Assistant/Flag Secretary to Commander, U.S. Naval Surface Forces Pacific; Surface Warfare Junior Officer Detailer; U.S. Naval Academy Company Officer; NROTC Instructor at The George Washington University; and a Joint Staff Internship in J-5/Policy Division. Her most recent assignment was Director, Division of Professional Development at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Capt. Thebaud assumed command of Destroyer Squadron SIX ZERO in August 2008. Her personal awards include Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5 awards), Navy Achievement Medal (2 awards) and various unit citations and campaign medals. She is married to Capt. Michael R. Fierro, USN, a fellow Surface Warfare Officer, who is the Deputy Director for Policy Resources and Strategy, U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa.